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said base support having a mirror mounted on said back portion in a position visible to a driver of the vehicle in a rear-view mirror when the infant carrier is mounted in the base support.

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6. (Amended) An infant seat, comprising:

an infant carrier including a first fastener and a base support including a second fastener for mounting the infant carrier in a rear-facing direction when secured in a vehicle passenger seat via cooperative mating of said first and second fasteners;

the base support including a substantially vertical back portion that extends substantially parallel to the back of the passenger seat when the base support is secured to the passenger seat; and

the back portion supporting a mirror for viewing an infant seated in the infant carrier when the infant carrier is mounted on the base support.

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~~15~~ (Twice Amended) An infant carrier handle in combination with an infant carrier, comprising:

a substantially flexible strap pivotally connected at opposite ends to longitudinally opposed ends of the infant carrier;

a first portion including a stiffener and a padded portion, said first portion of said strap being sufficiently rigid to be self-supporting, said first portion of said strap extending from one of said opposed ends of said infant carrier; and

a second portion of said strap being soft and flexible, said second portion of said strap extending from the other of said opposed ends of said carrier.

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16. (Amended) An infant seat, comprising:

an infant carrier including a first fastener and a base support including a second fastener for mounting the infant carrier in a rear-facing direction when secured in a vehicle passenger seat via cooperative mating of said first and second fasteners;

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the base support including a substantially vertical back portion that extends substantially parallel to the back of the passenger seat when the base support is secured to the passenger seat; and

the back portion supporting a mirror for viewing an infant seated in the infant carrier when the infant carrier is mounted on the base support.

Please add the following new claims 21 - 28.

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~~21~~. (New) The car seat according to claim 1, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.

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~~22~~. (New) The car seat according to claim *27*, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.

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~~23~~. (New) The infant seat according to claim 6, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.

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~~24~~. (New) The infant seat according to claim *7*, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.

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~~25~~. (New) The infant carrier handle in combination with the infant carrier according to claim *15*, wherein said stiffener is disposed within said padded portion.

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~~26~~. (New) The infant carrier handle in combination with the infant carrier according to claim *16*, wherein said stiffener comprises a strap stiffener.

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~~27~~. (New) The infant seat according to claim *20*, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.

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The infant seat according to claim 21, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.

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